

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 20 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 21 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 19 Oct 2020 at 16:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a changeable week, lower for details especially on Wednesday.

Headline for Tuesday 20 Oct 2020: Cloudy with occasional rain, though brightening somewhat in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 20 Oct 2020

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

High Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Drizzle	Light rain showers	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	70%	50%	50%	30%	20%	20%

Forecast for Tuesday 20 Oct 2020

Weather: Cloudy with further heavy rain overnight. The rain becoming lighter in the morning before it dies out for a time in the afternoon with the sun breaking through in the south, perhaps across to Skye, though cloud lingering in the north. Then further showery rain spreading from the south to reach Glen Affric and Ben Wyvis towards late evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% overnight and in the morning with extensive cloud at this level, chances improving to 50% for a time in the afternoon with some western hills becoming clear before falling to 20% by evening as cloud returns.

Visibility: Moderate to poor at other times in the rain becoming good in the west in the afternoon

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/38 S	26/31 SE	21/26 SE	16/21 E	12/16 SE	11/14 E	12/16 E	17/24 E	17/23 NE
900	28/34 S	24/29 SE	18/23 SE	15/21 E	11/15 SE	9/12 E	12/16 E	18/24 E	17/23 NE
600	18/25 S	14/20 SE	12/17 SE	11/17 E	7/11 SE	6/9 E	9/14 E	12/19 E	10/16 NE
300	4/22 S	3/16 SE	3/13 E	7/15 E	4/9 E	3/8 E	6/13 E	7/18 E	7/17 NE
Glen	11/24 S	6/16 SE	8/14 E	10/15 E	6/10 E	5/9 E	9/15 NE	11/20 NE	10/19 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0	5/1	5/2	5/1	4/-0	4/-1
900	6/0	5/0	5/0	5/0	6/2	6/3	5/2	5/0	4/-0
600	8/4	7/4	7/4	7/4	8/6	8/6	7/5	7/4	6/3
300	9/8	8/8	8/7	8/6	9/8	10/9	8/6	8/6	8/6
Glen	11/9	11/10	11/9	11/8	12/10	13/12	11/9	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m	1800m	1700m	1900m	1900m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Any brighter weather not expected to last long

Forecast for Wednesday 21 Oct 2020

Weather: Staying cloudy with some hill fog and some rain, this not as heavy as recently though may turn to snow above about 900m in the evening.

Maximum wind: South to southeast 25-35mph in early hours becoming lighter and variable in direction in the morning before becoming north to northwesterly in the afternoon, increasing 35 gusts 50mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%

Visibility: Occasionally good at lower levels but moderate to poor in rain and, later, summit snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius

At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius falling to Plus 3 Celsius

Freezing level: Above summits, falling close to highest tops later